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### Proposed Amendment to the PFA Rule Relating to Food Additives

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 22, 2009, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare published a draft gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) with a request for comments and suggestions within 60 days from the date of publication. The amendment proposes conformity with the Bureau of Indian Standards specifications for various food additives permitted for use in India.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes a proposed draft amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954 and sets additional requirements for various food additives permitted to be used in India.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

**Type of Regulation:** Draft

**Important Dates:**

- **Publication Date:** January 22, 2009
- **Notification to the WTO:** Not notified to date.
- **Final Date for Comments:** March 23, 2009
- **Effective Date:** On the date of final Gazette notification

**Products Affected:** All processed food items

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

**Major Changes:**

The notification makes it mandatory for the specified 56 food additives to be in conformity to the Bureau of Indian Standards specification, as amended from time to time. The scanned copy of the notification is attached.

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from:

<http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa%20acts%20and%20rules.pdf>

**Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:**

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**Prevention of Food Adulteration (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Rules, 2009****MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE****(Department of Health and Family Welfare)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2009

**\*G.S.R. 42(E).**— The following draft of certain rules further to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, which the Central Government, after consultation with the Central Committee for Food Standards, proposes to make, as required by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (37 of 1954), is hereby published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is given that the said draft rules will be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of sixty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published, are made available to the public;

Objections and suggestions, if any, may be forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011;

The objection and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period so specified will be considered by the Central Government.

**DRAFT RULES**

1. (1) These rules may be called the **Prevention of Food Adulteration (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Rules, 2009.**

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, for rule 48-C, the following rule shall be substituted, namely :—

“48-C. Sale of food additives.— The food additives mentioned in column (2) of the Table given below, permitted for use in certain foods, shall conform to Bureau of Indian Standards specification mentioned in column (3) of the said Table, as amended from time to time, namely :-

**TABLE**

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE FOOD ADDITIVES</b>	<b>IS NO.</b>
<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
1.	Ammonium bicarbonate for food industry	IS 2697:1976
2.	Sodium benzoate, food grade	IS 4447:1994
3.	Benzoic acid, food grade	IS 4448:1994
4.	Sorbitol, powder, food grade	IS 4750:1996
5.	Potassium metabisulphite, food grade	IS 4751:1994
6.	Sodium metabisulphite, food grade	IS 4752:1994
7.	Potassium nitrate, food grade	IS 4753:1996
8.	Sorbic acid, food grade	IS 4818:1996
9.	Lecithin, food grade	IS 5055:1996
10.	Potassium nitrite, food grade	IS 5057:1997

*\* Published in the Gazette of India (extraordinary) Part-II, section 3, sub-section (i), vide G.S.R. 42(E), dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2009.*

11.	Sodium citrate, food grade	IS 5058:1996
12.	Sodium alginate, food grade	IS 5191:1993
13.	Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, food grade	IS 5306:1996
14.	Ascorbic acid, food grade	IS 5342:1996
15.	Butylated hydroxyanisole, food grade	IS 5343:1996
16.	Agar, food grade	IS 5707:1996
17.	Sodium tartrate, food grade	IS 5708:1996
18.	Gelatin, food grade	IS 5719:1970
19.	Sodium propionate, food grade	IS 6030:1997
20.	Calcium Propionate, food grade	IS 6031:1997
21.	Beta-apo-8 carotenal, food grade	IS 6386:1971
22.	Fumaric acid, food grade	IS 6793:1996
23.	Dodecyl gallate, food grade	IS 6794:1997
24.	Acacia (Arabic) gum, food grade	IS 6795:1972
25.	Propyl gallate, food grade	IS 6796:1997
26.	Methyl ester of Beta-apo-8 carotenoic acid	IS 6797:1972
27.	Octyl gallate, food grade	IS 6798:1997
28.	Carob bean gum, food grade	IS 7237:1997
29.	Tragacanth gum, food grade	IS 7238:1997
30.	Gum ghatti, food grade	IS 7239:1974
31.	Ethyl ester of Beta-apo-8 'carotenoic acid' food grade	IS 7260:1974
32.	Calcium Alginate, food grade	IS 7905:1996
33.	Sulphur dioxide, food grade	IS 7908:1997
34.	Alginic acid, food grade	IS 7928:1993
35.	Titanium dioxide, food grade	IS 8356:1993
36.	L(+)-Tartaric acid, food grade	IS 9504:1980
37.	Monosodium L-Glutamate, food grade	IS 9505:1980
38.	Alpha-amylase, food grade	IS 9605:1992
39.	Glyceryl monostearate, food grade	IS 9953:1981
40.	Dicalcium phosphate, food grade	IS 9970:1981
41.	Lactic acid, food grade	IS 9971:1981
42.	Guar gum, food grade	IS 10502:1993
43.	Phosphoric acid, food grade	IS 10508:1983
44.	Mineral oil, food grade	IS 10563:1983
45.	Iso-propyl alcohol, food grade	IS 11686:1997
46.	Caffeine, food grade	IS 11911:1986
47.	Tert-Butylhydroquinone (TBHQ)	IS 11913:1986
48.	Gum Karaya, food grade	IS 12408:1988
49.	Citric acid, food grade	IS 13186:1991
50.	Ascorbyl palmitate, food grade	IS 13462:1992
51.	Polyglycerol esters of fatty acids, food grade	IS 13658:1993
52.	Polyglycerol esters of interestrified ricinoleic acid, food grade	IS 13659:1993
53.	Propylene glycol, food grade	IS 13702:1993
54.	Sodium ascorbate, food grade	IS 14123:1994
55.	Malic acid, food grade	IS 14124:1994
56.	DL-Tartaric acid, food grade."	IS 14125:1994

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**Note:-** The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide notification number S.R.O. 2106 dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1955 and were lastly amended vide notification G.S.R. number 754 (E) dated 27.11.2008.